Coastal security for Andaman and Nicobar Islands

†1333. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the system of security of coastal areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands at present;

(b) the approved strength of posts in the agency being used for this work;

(c) the posts laying vacant in it;

(d) whether it is a fact that an order for procurement of two helicopters having two 'fixed wings' and boats had been placed few year ago to keep vigil at the coasts; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not providing the same to them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) At present Police Marine Force of Andaman and Nicobar Police undertakes regular patrolling in creek and harbor areas. Indian Navy and Coast Guard also undertake regular air and marine surveillance in the adjoining sea waters of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(b) Police Marine Force has a sanctioned strength of 103 posts of various ranks.

(c) two.

(d) No order has been placed for procurement of helicopters and fixed wing aircrafts. However, two medium size boats and six small speed boats were sanctioned in 1999 and have been deployed in coastal areas.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Approval to telecast of Ramayana

1334. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has approved telecasting of a new television serial on "Ramayana";

(b) if so, number of episodes approved;

(c) whether there is a possibility of making political misuse of the serial; and

(d) if so, the steps the Ministry proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) As informed by Prasar Bharati , no new serial on "Ramayana" has been approved for telecast on Doordarshan. Further Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is not involved in granting approval or otherwise of any television serial.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Censor Certificate to Hindi feature films by Censor Board

1335. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) names of the Hindi feature films submitted before the Film Censor Board in the year 2007;

(b) whether the Board rejected/refused to certify any of the films; if so, names of those films and grounds thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.